GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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CBI CASE AGAINST CUSTOM OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has registereda case against seven custom officers and a private person for playing fraud in conspiracy defrauding the Government of the revenue of Rs. 7.5 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such cases in the revenue department are on the increase; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to check such frauds and the reasons for not following the transfer policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINI STRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CBI has registered a case at Mumbai on 21.6.2000against seven Custom officials and certain private persons for conspiring to cheat the Government by fraudulently availing duty drawback by mis-declaring the description and value of goods exported.

(c) On the basis of the available data, it is not possible to say whether such cases in the revenue department are on the increase.

(d) Whenever such frauds involving officers are noticed, necessary action is taken against them. So far as transfer policy is concerned, the same is normally followed. However, at times exception is made in exigencies of public interest and on compassionate grounds.